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1. A TEMPORARY SOLUTION HAS BEEN REACHED TO THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CRISIS REPORTED IN REFTEL WITH THE ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DC, PSDI AND PRI TO FORM A THREE-PARTY GIUNTA. ALTHOUGH THE THREE PARTIES COMMAND A TWO-SEAT MAJORITY IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL THEY WERE UNWILLING TO GIVE THE GIUNTA MORE THAN A QTE TRANSITORY UNQTE STATUS PENDING DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN AT NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESSES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. THE THREE PARTIES EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PSI, AFTER ITS NATIONAL CONGRESS, COULD REJOIN THE GOVERNING COALITION. THE SOCIALISTS, HOWEVER, HAVE SHARPLY ATTACKED THE FORMATION OF THE THREE-PARTY REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION, DEFINING IT AS A SOLUTION QTE NOT ONLY WITHOUT BUT AGAINST THE PSI UNQTE.

2. THE FORMATION OF A NEW REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION LEAVES UNRESOLVED THE CONTINUING CRISIS OF THE TRIESTE COMMUNAL ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS MADE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT BY THE VIRTUAL IMPOSSIBILITY, DUE TO PARTY DEFECTIONS, OF OBTAINING A NUMERICAL MAJORITY FOR ANY COMBINATION OF CENTER-LEFT PARTIES, EVEN IF THE SOCIALISTS WERE INCLINED TO GIVE SUPPORT. IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID THE RISK OF AN EARLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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(WHICH ONLY THE MSI CLAIMS TO FAVOR) CONSIDERATION IS

REPORTEDLY BEING GIVEN TO A LIMITED AGREEMENT ON A SMALL NUMBER OF PROGRAMS BY ALL THE PARTIES OF THE QTE CONSTITUTIONAL ARC UNQTE TO PERMIT A MINORITY GIUNTA. AT THE PROVINCE OF TRIESTE THE DC MINORITY GIUNTA HAS SUBMITTED ITS BUDGET PROPOSALS TO ALL PARTIES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARC, ALTHOUGH THE BUDGET VOTE ITSELF WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

3. DESPITE THE INTENSE AACTIVITIES TO RESOLVE THE REGIONAL AND COMMUNAL CRISES PREPARATIONS ARE PROCEEDING FOR REGIONAL PARTY CONGRESSES. DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES IN TRIESTE AND UDINE (BOTH MOROTEI) HAVE STRONGLY ENDORSED THE LINE OF NATIONAL SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI WHO APPEARS TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF A LARGE MAJORITY OF PARTY FAITHFUL IN THE REGION. IN A SPEECH IN UDINE THE REGION S LEADING REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LABOR MINISTER TOROS, WARMLY PRAISED ZACCAGNINI, WHO TOROS ASSERTED, IS GATHERING THE BROADEST SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. A SIGNIFICANT INNOVATION IS THE DECISION OF THE TRIESTE PROVINCIAL DC ORGANIZATION TO HOLD A QTE OPEN PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE UNQTE ON JANUARY 10 AND 11. THE CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO A PARTY COMMUNIQUE WILL BE OPEN TO QTE CONTRIBUTIONS EVEN OF A CRITICAL NATURE FROM THOSE WHO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES IN THE AREA OF CATHOLIC DEMOCRACY AND WHO OPERATE WITH AUTONOMOUS RESPONSIBILITY IN SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS, LABOR UNIONS, COMMUNITY AND SCOLASTIC ORGANIZATIONS... EVEN IF NOT PARTY MEMBERS UNQTE. THE CONFERENCE IS SUPPOSED TO DISCUSS POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SECTIONAL ASSEMBLIES CALLED TO ELECT DELEGATES TO THE REGIONAL CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR MID-FEBRUARY AND TO QTE APPLY THE PROPOSALS OF INTERNAL REFORM FORMULATED BY THE NATIONAL POLITICAL SECRETARY UNQTE. RACKMALES

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